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TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff  
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RE: **Average Cost for Nursing Facility Services**

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#### Introduction

In accordance with 130 CMR 520.019(G)(1), MassHealth must impose a period of ineligibility for payment of nursing facility services when it has determined that a MassHealth applicant or member has made a disqualifying transfer of resources.

When calculating the period of ineligibility, MassHealth uses the average cost to a patient paying privately for nursing facility services in the Commonwealth. Periodically, this figure is revised to reflect increased costs.

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#### Revised Average Cost for Nursing Facility Services

Effective March 1, 2007, the average cost to a patient paying privately for nursing facility services in the Commonwealth **increased** from \$246 a day to **\$256** a day. The **date** MassHealth **receives** the application or eligibility review form determines which of the following amounts to use when calculating the period of ineligibility for a disqualifying transfer of resources.

- If received before March 1, 2007: use \$246.
- If received on or after March 1, 2007: use \$256.

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#### Questions

If you have any questions about this memo please have your MEC designee contact the Policy Hotline.

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